門の皇国物語 第三十三回
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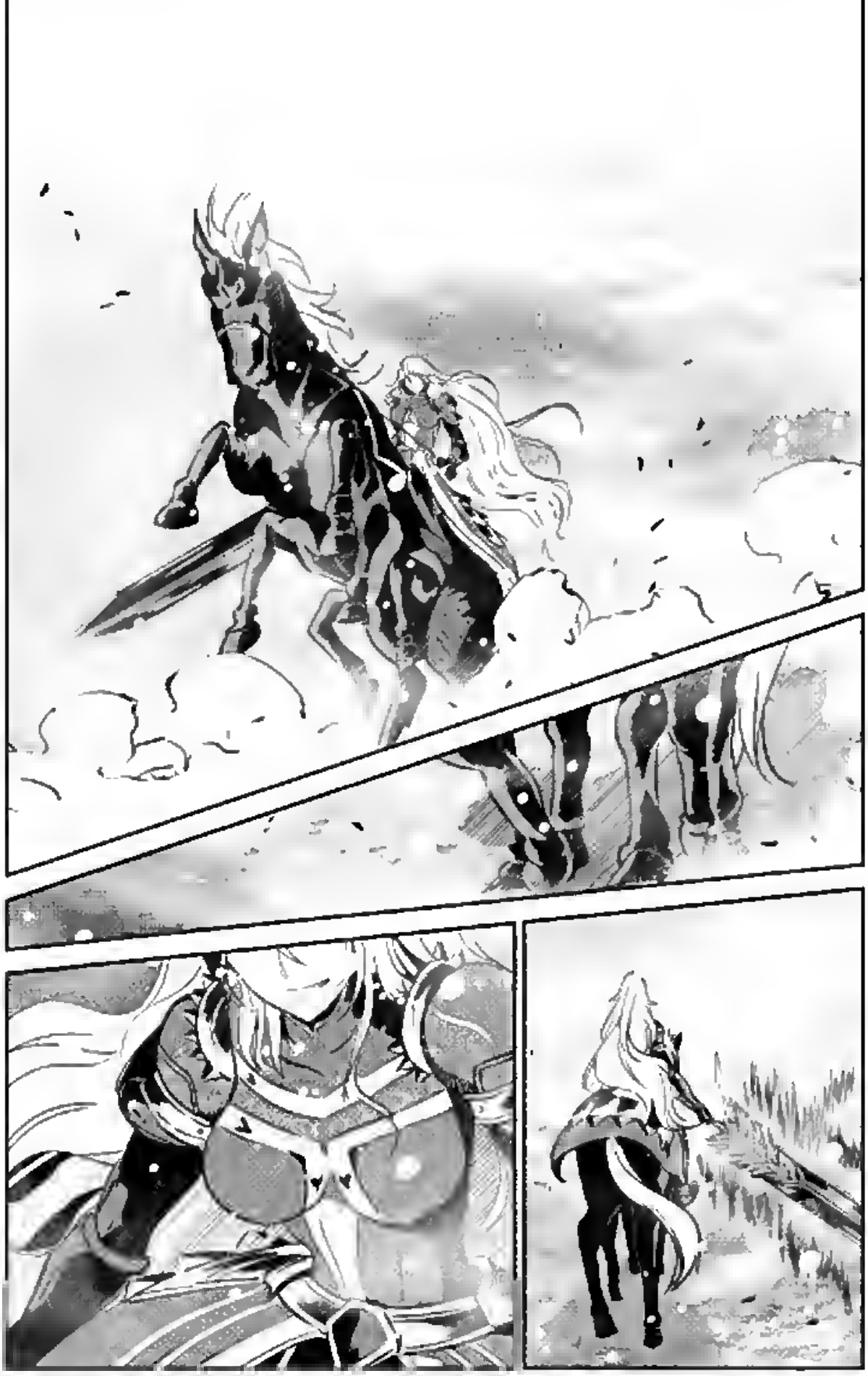
THE ROYAL GUARD FORCES CLASHED NEAR THE KINGDOM'S CAMP,
WITH THE IMPERIAL FORCES JUST BARELY MANAGING TO OPEN A PATH INTO THE CAMP.

LECTIVAL.
HA!



HERE I COME!
GLORIE~!
LECTIVA~L!

WHY WON'T YOU ACCEPT ME?
WHY CAN WE NOT JOIN TOGETHER?
YOU SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING ME...
YOU...
YOU...
WE ARE BOTH RULERS.

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YOUR HIGH-NESS!

GRAND-MOTHER...
WE CANNOT HOLD ON ANY LONGER!
THE ENEMY IS MOVING IN QUICKLY, THEY'LL SURROUND US IF WE DON'T RETREAT!
TSK.
SO THEY WERE JUST BUYING TIME?

LET US MEET AGAIN, LECTIVAL.
WE'RE PULLING OUT! I HAVE DEALT A BLOW TO THE REGENT!
IS ANYONE HERE?

WHAT IS IT?
YOUR HIGH-NESS...
WE'RE GOING TO PURSUE THEM.
I AM AWARE OF THE DANGER, BUT IF WE DON'T, THE EMPIRE'S FORCES WILL SIMPLY REORGANIZE.
IT'S TOO DAN-GER-OUS!

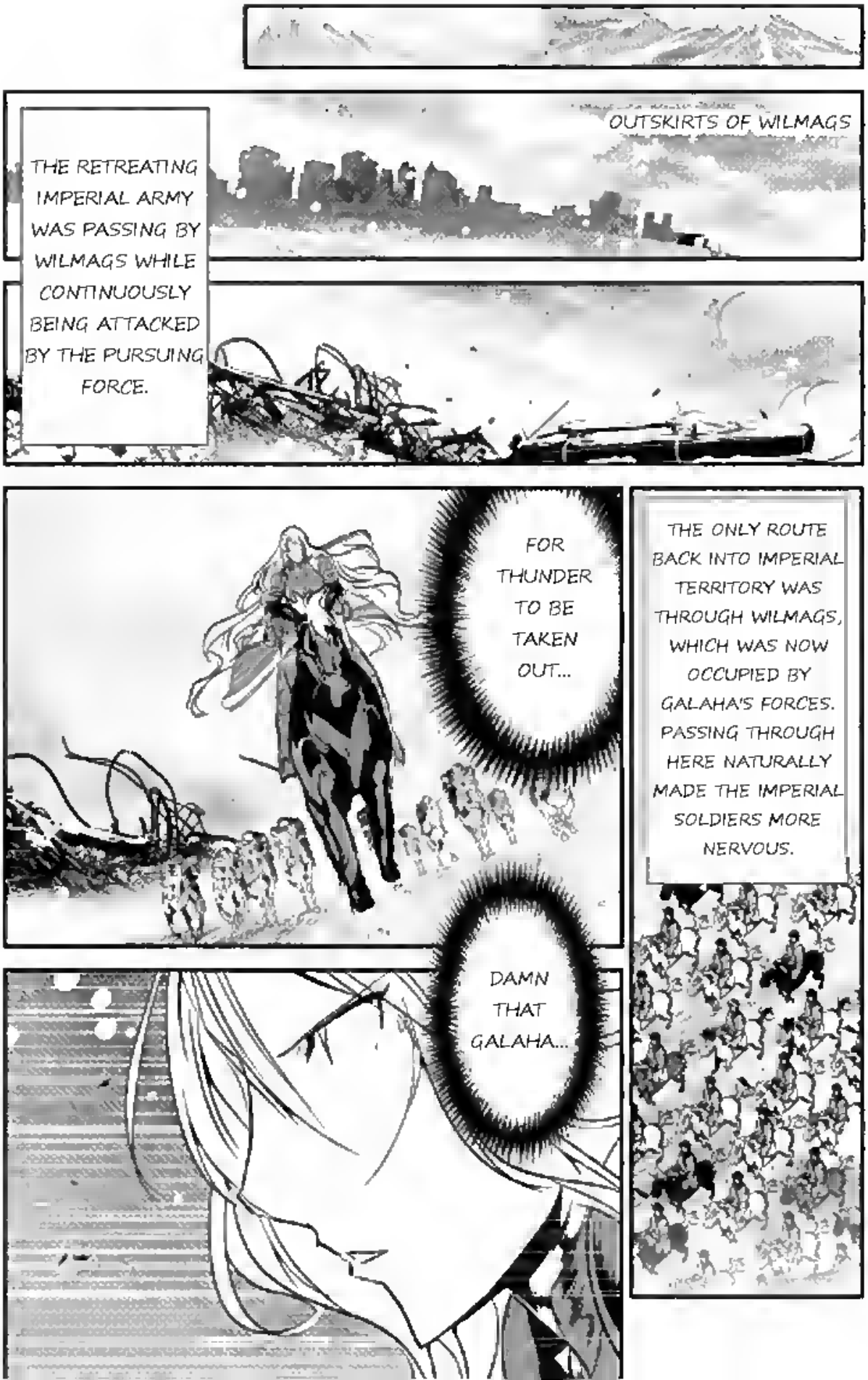
AND THE HORSES?
THE AUTOMATA AND CAVALRY ARE TO CHASE THE ENEMY AND CHIP AWAY AT THEM.

NEED I ACTUALLY SAY IT?

WE ARE GOING TO PURSUE THE ENEMY ARMY! SHOW THEM NO MERCY!
LET'S END THIS NOW, PRINCESS GLORIE.

GAH!
THE ENEMY IS PURSUING US! COUNTER ATTACK!

COM-
MAND-
ER!
THE KINGDOM'S FAST UNITS ARE ASSAULTING THE REAR!
OUR LOSSES ARE GREATER THAN WE EXPECTED!
UGH. WE STILL NEED TO PASS BY THE AREA THAT GALAHA HAS OCCUPIED.
I DON'T WANT TO REDUCE OUR FORCE UNNECESSARILY, CAN WE COUNTER ATTACK?
WELL...
WHILE WE COULD FACE THEM HEAD-ON, THE ENEMY HAS DISAPPEARED AND WE CAN'T CHASE THEM TOO FAR.
SO LECTIVAL WISHES TO THOROUGHLY DEFEAT US...
DON'T SLOW DOWN!


OUTSKIRTS OF WILMAGS
THE RETREATING IMPERIAL ARMY WAS PASSING BY WILMAGS WHILE CONTINUOUSLY BEING ATTACKED BY THE PURSUING FORCE.
FOR THUNDER TO BE TAKEN OUT...
THE ONLY ROUTE BACK INTO IMPERIAL TERRITORY WAS THROUGH WILMAGS, WHICH WAS NOW OCCUPIED BY GALAHA'S FORCES. PASSING THROUGH HERE NATURALLY MADE THE IMPERIAL SOLDIERS MORE NERVOUS.
DAMN THAT GALAHA...

THERE'S SOME-THING UP AHEAD!
IS IT THE KINGDOM'S ARMY?
WAIT, THAT'S...
CURSES! IT'S THE END FOR US.

YEAH!
RETAKE WILMAGS!
OUR HOMES ARE THERE!
THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY...
THERE'S PROBABLY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF THEM.
YEAH!
TAKE BACK WILMAGS!
WHILE WE COULD TAKE THEM WITH US...

AND WE'LL BE FORCED TO FIGHT OUR WAY INTO THE CITY WHILE UNDER ATTACK FROM EITHER SIDE.
IF WE TRY TO TAKE BACK WILMAGS NOW, LECTIVAL WILL CATCH UP
WE SIMPLY CAN'T FIGHT ANY LONGER...
CITIZENS OF THE EMPIRE, HEAR ME OUT.

WE HAVE NO SUPPLIES LEFT, AND THE SUPPLY LINES HAVE BEEN CUT, IF WE TAKE ANY LONGER, WE'LL STARVE TO DEATH.
MY FORCES ARE EXHAUSTED FROM THE PREVIOUS BATTLE,

I DO NOT WISH TO LOSE MORE OF MY PEOPLE.

I'M SORRY...
FOR THEIR SAKE, NEXT TIME I WILL...
HIS HIGHNESS THE REGENT HAS ARRIVED!

WE WERE AWAITING YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS.
HURRAH!
LONG LIVE HIS HIGHNESS!
GOOD JOB TAKING WILMAGS.